

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Fairbanks

Fairbanks is home rule city located on the banks of the Chena River in the Tanana Valley. The area has the state's second-largest population Fairbanks is part of the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

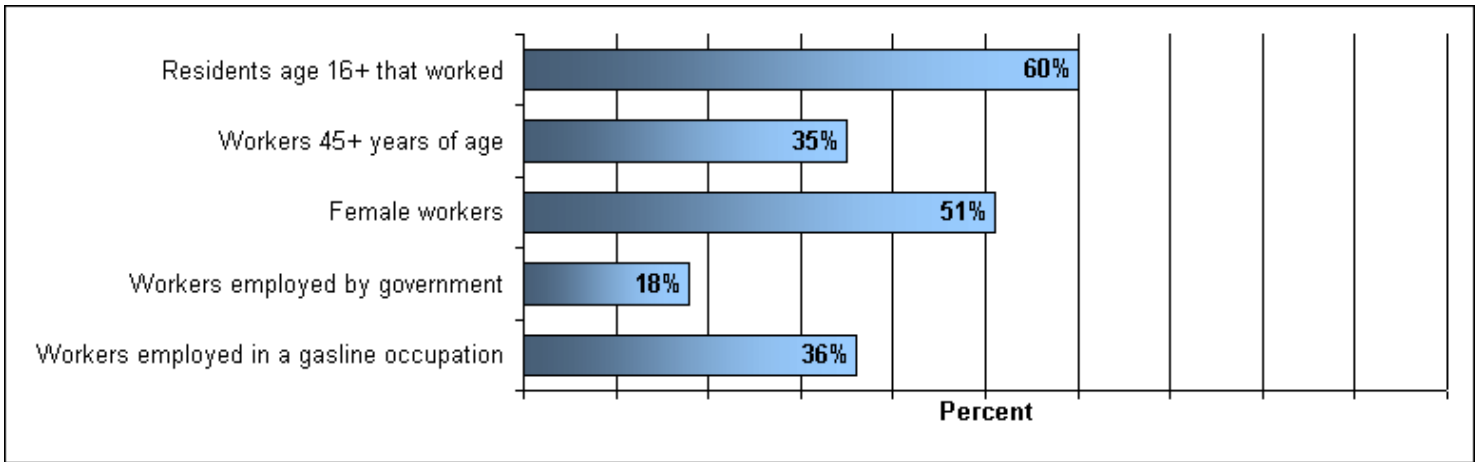
- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 30,367, a gain of about 143 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 60 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 24 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Fairbanks Resident Snapshot (2008)			
Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	17,529	Total wages	\$330,467,422
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	10,541	Private	8,684
Male	5,125	State government	983
Female	5,410	Local government	874
Age 45+	3,641	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	2,574	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	9,292
		Percent working all 4 quarters	67.2%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	1,455	Some construction	2,001
		At least 1 year construction	1,216
		At least 2 years construction	744
New Hires		Worked in an AGIA occupation	7,836
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2008 Residents

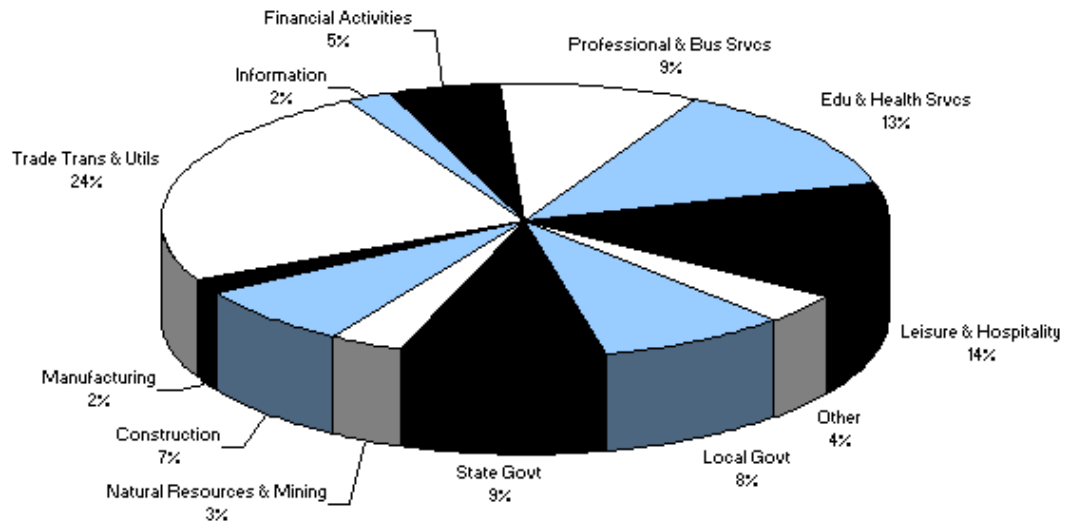


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Retail Salespersons	539	62.5%	136	95
Cashiers	365	67.3%	76	38
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	311	49.2%	26	15
Office Clerks, General AGIA	268	86.2%	99	67
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	247	49.0%	125	95
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	219	9.2%	67	40
Teacher Assistants	194	82.0%	77	56
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	191	75.4%	54	40
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	175	82.9%	67	44
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	166	12.0%	38	23
Waiters and Waitresses	152	81.6%	27	15
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants AGIA HOT JOB	144	92.4%	54	35
Receptionists and Information Clerks AGIA	136	94.9%	32	24
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer AGIA HOT JOB	129	6.2%	66	47
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters AGIA HOT JOB	121	5.0%	44	28
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	115	6.1%	59	41
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB	113	92.9%	47	32
Customer Service Representatives	108	83.3%	23	13
Carpenters AGIA HOT JOB	104	1.0%	40	28
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	100	5.0%	21	13

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	324	10.5%	110	75
Construction	782	15.3%	264	179
Manufacturing	163	38.0%	44	33
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	2,549	43.2%	786	528
Information	219	52.1%	78	52
Financial Activities	508	68.7%	147	103
Professional and Business Services	956	44.4%	356	251
Educational and Health Services	1,328	79.8%	510	371
Leisure and Hospitality	1,479	56.3%	339	225
State Government	983	56.2%	420	305
Local Government	874	64.1%	464	363
Other	369	54.3%	122	89
Unknown	7	42.9%	1	0

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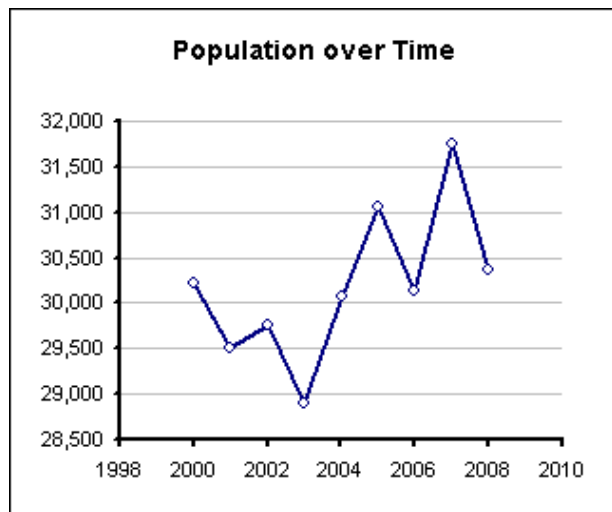
Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	1,284	1,570	1,904	2,134

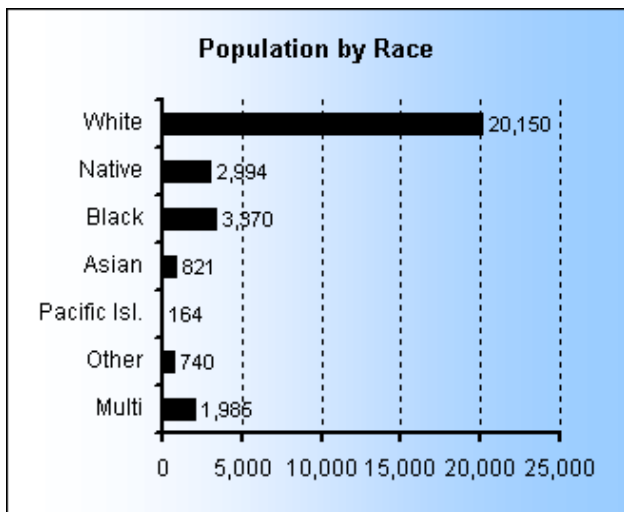
**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Fairbanks North Star School District
University of AK
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Banner Health System
Fred Meyer Stores Inc
Wal-Mart Associates Inc
FBKS North Star Borough
Tanana Chiefs Conference
Safeway Inc
McDonald's Restaurants of AK



2000 Census	
Median Age	27.6
Average Family Size	3.2
Average Household Size	2.6
Per Capita Income	\$19,814
Median Family Income	\$46,785
Median Household Income	\$40,577



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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